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NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMS ME THAT AT A RECEPTION ABOUT
TWO WEEKS AGO KHRUSHCHEV ASKED HIM IF HE REALLY THOUGHT
WEST WOULD FIGHT OVER BERLIN AND EXPRESSED HIS OWN OPINION
THAT IT WAS UNTHINKABLE THEY WOULD DO SO. NORWEGIAN ENDEAVORED
CONVINCE HIM TO CONTRARY POINTING TO SOLEMN COMMITMENT THAT
HAD BEEN MADE AND DOUBTS AS TO ITS OWN SECURITY WHICH WOULD
ARISE IN A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE NORWAY IF WEST ALLOWED ITSELF
TO BE FORCED OUT OF BERLIN. AMBASSADOR'S IMPRESSION HOWEVER
IS THAT KHRUSHCHEV DANGEROUSLY MISJUDGES REAL SITUATION.

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